OIPE IAP48
MAR 01 2006
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IFW

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Corey Hoffman, et al

Serial No.: 10/726,274

Confirmation No.: 3386

Filed: December 2, 2003

For: FILTERED ACTUATOR PORT FOR HYDRAULICALLY ACTUATED DOWNHOLE TOOLS

§
§
§ Group Art Unit: 3672
§
§ Examiner: Frank Tsay
§
§ Customer No.: 36735
§
§
§
§
§
§

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING
37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on 27 Feb, 2005.

William B. Patterson	
Typed Name	Signature
34,102	(713)623-4844
Reg. No. if applicable	Telephone Number

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 9, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 9, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicants believer there are no fees due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/MRKS/0069/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this amendment timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.